

SCIENCE OF ZIKA: THE DNA OF AN EPIDEMIC

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5312, the “Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act of 2016”; and a hearing entitled “Science of Zika: The DNA of an Epidemic”. H.R. 5312 was ordered reported, without amendment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5303, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2016”; H. Con. Res. 131, authorizing the use of Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 5303 was ordered reported, as amended. H. Con. Res. 131 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved.

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM IRS ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on protecting small businesses from IRS abuse. Testimony was heard from Richard Weber, Chief, Criminal Investigation, Internal Revenue Service; John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and Kenneth Blanco, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEED FOR TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Need for Tax Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IMPACT OF ROBOTS AND AUTOMATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the transformative impact of robots and automation, after receiving testimony from Andrew McAfee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Adam Keiper, Ethics and Public Policy Center, and Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Washington, D.C.

CORRUPTION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina, after receiving testimony from Thomas Melia, Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia, United States Agency for International Development; Jonathan M. Moore, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Valery Perry, Democratization Policy Council, both of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Srdjan Blagovcanin, Transparency International, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine a review of the United States livestock and poultry sectors, focusing on marketplace opportunities and challenges, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017”, and an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine cartels and the United States heroin epidemic, focusing on combating drug violence and the public health crisis, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine protecting America from the threat of ISIS, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, and S. 2944, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers’ Benefit program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration’s 7(a) loan guaranty program, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Navy Force Structure and Readiness: Perspectives from the Fleet”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on S. 1635, the “Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The ISIS Genocide Declaration: What Next?”, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Long Lines, Short Patience: Local Perspectives”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Social Security Administration: Information Systems Review”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Impact of EPA’s Clean Power Plan on States”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Sharing Economy: A Taxing Experience for New Entrepreneurs, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.